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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE GERMAN INITIATIVE ON TERRORISM

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1. FRG COUNSELOR VON SCHMELING-DIRINGSHOFEN CALLED JANUARY 15 ON SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO SECRETARY FOR COMBATING TERRORISM UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO SEEK USG VIEWS ON PROSPECTS FOR MORE EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO DEAL WITH TERRORISM. IO OFFICER SAT IN.

2. SCHMELING POSED FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(A) HOW DOES THE US SEE THE GENERAL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM OF FIGHTING TERRORISM, I.E., WHAT MEANS SHOULD BE EMPLOYED?

(B) WHAT IS THE US VIEW ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO COMBAT TERRORISM, PARTICULARLY ON THE BASIS OF AGREEMENTS?

(C) WHAT WOULD BE THE US ATTITUDE TOWARDS POSSIBLE INITIATIVE AT THE 31ST GA BY WESTERN NATIONS?

HE SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN SUBJECT UNDOUBTEDLY WAS RELATED TO DOMESTIC POLITICAL PRESSURES TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT TO DEAL WITH TERRORISM

PROBLEM. IN ADDITION TO SEEKING OUR VIEWS HE SAID GERMAN DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS HAD BEEN ASKED TO SUGGEST IDEAS TO BONN ON HOW TO PERSUADE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS AGAINST TERRORISM.

3. DEPT OFFICERS RESPONDED BY REVIEWING USG EFFORTS TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL ACTION ON TERRORISM ISSUE, BEGINNING WITH DRAFT CONVENTION PROPOSED AT UNGA IN 1972 AND FRUITLESS NEGOTIATIONS IN UN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TERRORISM IN SUMMER OF 1973. MORE RECENTLY, HE WAS TOLD, SECRETARY'S SPEECH TO THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION IN AUGUST AND STATEMENT OF USREP IN 6TH COMMITTEE OF UNGA IN DECEMBER UNDERSCORED GREAT IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO GENERATING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON THIS PROBLEM OF WORLDWIDE SIGNIFICANCE; SUBJECT HAD ALSO BEEN RAISED IN NATO COUNCIL. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS SAID US WELCOMED EVIDENCE OF INCREASED WILLINGNESS BY SOME COUNTRIES TO GRAPPLE WITH PROBLEM OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, AS OPEC AND OTHER CASES MADE THEM DIRECTLY AWARE OF HAZARDS TO THEIR OWN NATIONALS. WHETHER TIME WAS RIPE TO MOUNT A NEW MAJOR INITIATIVE IN UNGA THIS FALL WOULD CALL FOR CAREFUL ASSESSMENT OF CHANCES OF SUCCESS. WHILE EFFORTS TO CALL INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION TO NEED FOR ACTION WERE ALWAYS WELCOME, WE WOULD WANT TO AVOID SITUATION WHERE A NEW AND PREMATURE EFFORT IN THE UNGA COULD LEAD ONLY TO A POLITICAL

IMBROGLIO AND POSSIBLY A RESOUNDING DEFEAT.

4. SCHMELING SAID HE WAS SURE FRG MISSION WOULD BE TAKING UP SUBJECT WITH USUN. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE USUN'S ASSESSMENT OF CHANCES OF SUCCESS OF AN INITIATIVE ALONG LINES GERMANS ARE CONSIDERING.

5. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS OF INFO ADDRESSEES WOULD BE MOST WELCOME. KISSINGER

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